

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Claims:

1. Please replace Claim 1 with the following new Claim 59 (new):

1 Claim 59 (new) A process for dry-cleaning a textile article containing a localized area of stain or
2 soil, such as an article of clothing, the process comprising the following steps:
3 pre-treating the localized area of stain or soil on the textile article by subjecting the localized area
4 of stain or soil to a fluid pre-treatment composition and an absorbent stain receiving medium;
5 placing the pre-treated textile article into a containment means along with an activator cloth
6 containing an activator solution; and
7 heat treating the containment means to vaporize the activator solution, whereby the textile article
8 is treated without deposit or migration of undesired material or substances onto the textile article.

2. Please cancel Claims 2 and 3, without prejudice.

3. Please replace Claim 33 with the following new claim 60 (new):

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1 Claim 60 (new) A system for dry-cleaning a textile article in a conventional or
2 commercial-type clothes dryer in which no undesired substances are deposited or migrate to the article to
3 be cleaned, the system comprising:
4 a pre-treatment stain formula for pre-treating spots and/or stains prior to cleaning;
5 absorbent stain removal medium for absorbing the spots and/or stains partitioned from the
6 article to be cleaned by the pre-treatment stain formula;
7 activator solution comprising volatile solvent, optional fragrance and the balance water;
8 activator cloth or other substrate with a predetermined volume of the activator solution
9 loaded thereon; and
10 a heat-resistant containment system for containing the textile article to be cleaned and the
11 activator cloth, all within the dryer, whereby the textile article to be cleaned and
12 the activator cloth are maintained in an operative proximity during the process.

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4. Please amend Claim 40 as follows (a marked-up version appears at the back of this paper):

1 Claim 40 (once amended) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 (once amended) in which the
2 absorbent stain removal medium is free of additives including optical brighteners.

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5. Please amend Claim 41 as follows (a marked-up version appears at the back of this paper):

1 Claim 41 (once amended) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 60 (new) utilizing an absorbent
2 stain removal medium in which no undesired substances migrate therefrom to the article to be cleaned.

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6. Please cancel Claims 54 and 55, without prejudice.

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7. Please add new Claim 61 (new) as follows:

1 Claim 61 (new) A method for dry-cleaning textile articles in a conventional home clothes which
2 does not result in deposit or migration of undesired material or substances onto the textile article, the
3 method comprising the following steps:
4 (A) Pre-treating any localized area of stain or soil on the textile article by subjecting the
5 localized area of stain or soil to a fluid pre-treatment composition and an absorbent stain
6 receiving medium;
7 (B) Placing the textile article to be cleaned into a heat-resistant containment bag;
8 (C) Placing an activator cloth loaded with an activator solution into the containment bag; and
9 (D) Heat treating the containment bag containing the textile article and the activator cloth
10 loaded with the activator solution, thereby causing at least a portion of the activator
11 solution to vaporize and treat the textile article.

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9. Please add new Claim 62 (new) as follows:

Claim 62 (new) A kit for dry-cleaning textile articles in a conventional clothes dryer, the kit comprising:

1. A sealed portion of pre-treatment stain removal composition, the composition having components which will not cause deposit or migration of undesired material or substances onto the textile article;
2. At least one portion of absorbent stain removal medium, the absorbent stain removal medium made of material which does not cause deposit or migration of undesired material or substances onto the textile article;
3. A heat-resistant containment bag; and
4. At least one activator cloth loaded with an activator solution and sealed, neither the activator cloth or the activator solution causing deposit or migration of undesired material or substances onto the textile article, whereby upon pre-treating the localized area of stain or soil on the textile article by subjecting the localized area of stain or soil to the pre-treatment stain removal composition and an absorbent stain receiving medium, the textile article is placed into the containment bag along with at the least one activator cloth loaded with activator solution and heat treated such that at least a portion of the activator solution will vaporize and treat the textile article.

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